

I want to express my opinion regarding the proposed restricting the content of programming on XM and other satellite radio services. In particular, I am referring to the traffic and weather channels. I travel by car extensively and rely on my XM service for many reasons. I feel the traffic service is a valuable service that helps me navigate through traffic in unfamiliar cities. If I had to rely on "local" channels for traffic and weather, I would not have the ability to hear quick and current reports.

First, going into a city where I am unfamiliar with the local radio stations I have a difficult time even finding traffic or weather reports. I can simply go to the channel on XM and get the needed report. Local stations do not offer the same service offered by XM. In addition, by the time the reports get to the station and are reported, they may be out of date and cause you to go into severe traffic.

Also, I am able to hear local weather for a city long before traveling there. This helps keep me safe by knowing where and when I should travel. I cannot get a weather report for Dallas, TX when leaving Jackson, MS.

Finally, I feel XM and any other similar service has a constitutional right to report weather and traffic for different cities. This restriction would be in violation to the First Amendment and be illegal.

I appreciate the work the FCC does to help monitor our airwaves and keep the airwaves organized and properly used. Limiting XM in this way would go against what the FCC stands for.

Regards,
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